

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Investigate Implementing a )  
Decoupling Mechanism for Hawaiian )  
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Electric Light Company, Inc., )  
and Maui Electric Company, )  
Limited. )  
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DOCKET NO. 2008-0274

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By this Order, the commission grants HAWAII HOLDINGS, LLC, DOING BUSINESS AS FIRST WIND HAWAII's ("First Wind") Motion for Approval to Amend Its Status as an Intervenor/Party to a Participant, filed on April 15, 2009 ("Motion").

I.

Motion

On April 15, 2009, First Wind filed a Motion for commission approval to amend its current status from intervenor to participant. According to First Wind:

. . . . First Wind is a Delaware limited liability company engaged, through its affiliates, in the development of wind energy projects using Hawaii's indigenous renewable wind resources to generate electric energy that it sells to Hawaii's electric utilities for ultimate use by the general public.

. . . .

Upon review of the *Joint Proposal on Decoupling and Statement of Position of the HECO Companies and the Consumer Advocate* (the "Joint Proposal"), filed with the Commission on March 30, 2009, the various opening statements of position filed by the parties (including the HECO Companies and the Consumer Advocate), and other documents filed in this proceeding to date, it appears to First Wind that the immediate impacts and implications of the decoupling mechanism, including the Revenue Balance Account and the Revenue Adjustment Mechanism, as set forth in the Joint Proposal, and the manner in which the decoupling mechanism is proposed to be implemented and operated, would at this point likely not affect those aspects of the energy payment arrangements for, and the operations and potential expansion of, First Wind's wind energy projects as First Wind had initially contemplated at the initiation of this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

First Wind requests, however, that it be allowed to participate by "(1) monitoring the proceeding by receiving all filings by the Commission and the other parties to ensure, among other things, that its interests and/or rights (financial or otherwise) are adequately protected, and (2) standing on its initial Statement of Position, filed on March 30, 2009, in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Order."<sup>2</sup>

Based on First Wind's representations and the lack of any opposition to the Motion, the commission grants the Motion. First Wind's status in this proceeding is amended from intervenor to participant. As such, First Wind's participation shall be limited to receiving all filings by the commission and the other parties to the docket.

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<sup>1</sup>Motion at 3-4.

<sup>2</sup>Id. at 6.

II.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

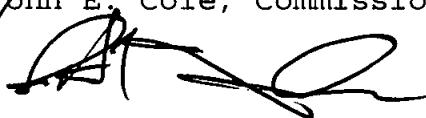
First Wind's Motion for Approval to Amend its Status as an Intervenor/Party to a Participant, filed on April 15, 2009, is granted.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii APR 29 2009.


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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By   
John E. Cole, Commissioner

  
By  
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